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**Will Fit Any Locality.**  
"Perhaps you wouldn't think so, but a very large proportion of diseases in New York come from carelessness about catching cold," said Dr. Cyrus Edson. "A cold is a very simple thing to most people and they pay little or no attention to it. If it were some serious disease they would probably break their necks, so to speak, to get a doctor and to follow his advice. But it is such a simple thing, unless it is a case of pneumonia, that it is a case of pneumonia, pay any attention to cold. New York is one of the healthiest places on the Atlantic coast, and yet there are a great many cases of catarrh and consumption which have their origin in summer which simplest precautions of everyday life are known as pneumonia. What is simply that state of pneumonia where condensation of colds and the whole result in something serious. The climate of New York is not only as bad for those predisposed to consumption, catarrh and other diseases of the respiratory organs as that of the most unhealthy of the south. A cold, the simplest and most sensible advice is, when you have one get rid of it as soon as possible. By all means do not neglect it."—New York Herald.

**The Father of Pedestrianism.**  
Edward Payson Weston is still as vigorous as when he made his famous 550-mile record in London. But it has been years since he walked for money. He was the father of walking contests, and during his professional career walked in all 62,000 miles. I asked him what he thought of the recent six day contests. "I haven't attended any of them," he said. "I tried to elevate the sport. There is no exercise like walking, and I attribute my present health and vigor to the walking I have done. It is a pity that the contests cannot be conducted on the elevated plane they once were."  
"As to the recent records which have been made, you may say this: When I was in the business a mile was understood to be 5,280 feet. Now, apparently, it may be anything less than that. My experience of many years taught me that no man can make anywhere near as many miles the second day as he does the first. I don't care what the records may be in the recent contests. I know that on the second day the muscles of the leg are so contracted that one's stride is four inches shorter. The second is the worst day of any honest race. One can make more the sixth day than in the second."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Is There a Potato Famine?**  
There certainly has been a potato famine in the Middle States and in New England, so that New York city has been obliged to depend upon imports from Canada and from Scotland.  
I was told a very curious fact about the Scotch potatoes, which, upon investigation, I found to be true. It seems that the Scotch potatoes, of which an enormous quantity have been imported here, are not Scotch at all, but are Irish. Shipments are made from Dublin and Belfast in small coasting schooners to the Clyde, and there the potatoes are

**Biblical Discoveries of Great Interest.**  
A lecture of the greatest interest, not only to orientologists, but likewise to all interested in Biblical research, has just been delivered at the Verein Niederwald of Vienna by that most distinguished orientalist and linguistic scholar, the Rev. William Hechler, captain to the British embassy.  
Ever since his student days he has been seeking for the key to harmonize the dates of the kings of Judah and Israel given in the Bible, and the dates of the kings of Babylon, Assyria, Egypt and Persia. As he observed in the course of his lecture: "Whoever has carefully studied the histories of the ancient empires must be struck with the wonderfully truthful appearance of the chronological and synchronistic data. No historian has ever ventured to give such a large number of dates as the Bible, which are made to synchronize with the dates of kings of other nations, thereby enabling accurate control. Thus the kings of Judah are made to synchronize with the kings of Israel, and many of Babylon, Assyria, Egypt and Persia."  
Vienna the learned gentleman presented the first part of his researches, extending over twenty years. No doubt his charts, when published, will startle many a professor of theology all over the world—at least such as have taught their pupils that it was impossible to put in order and harmonize these confused dates.  
Mr. Hechler proves that they do harmonize, and that in a most wonderful manner, but the key had to be sought and found. He does not profess to have untied the Gordian knot and to have disposed of every difficulty, but the remarkably clear and ingenious way in which he puts an end to Biblical discrepancies is convincing and conclusive. The charts are so simple and comprehensible that a child may read them.—Vienna, Cor. London Telegraph.

**An Oregon Breathing Well.**  
The well is one and a quarter miles east of Stanwood, on the high land, nearly 150 feet above sea level. Its owner, O. W. Colton, began digging it last June, but abandoned it various times because of gas or fire-damp. He succeeded in reaching an abundance of good water at a depth of ninety feet from the surface last October, having passed through successive layers of clay, sand and some kind of stratified rock. About eighty feet below the surface he found a sprinkling of anthracite coal, and still farther down large quantities of loose specimens of volcanic stones of several kinds, many of which have the appearance of having been melted and run together.  
About the close of October Mr. Colton noticed that the well was blowing out a kind of gas with considerable force, and at irregular periods of time, varying from five days to sixteen hours' duration.

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